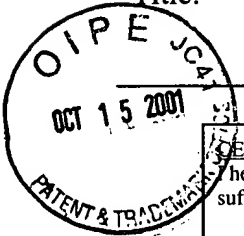


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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, and before the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Thirty-four pending patent applications are listed on the Form 1449 under "Other References" that are assigned to the same assignee as the above-captioned patent application. Attached to the Form 1449 are portions of

each of these patent applications, including the Field of the Invention, Background of the Invention, Summary of the Invention, Claims, and Abstract. The Brief Description of the Drawings and the Disclosure of the Invention sections for each patent application are not attached because these sections are identical for these thirty-four applications and the above-captioned application.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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